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1. On 12 July 1950 it was learned that German Grenzpolizei units totaling about 500 men were stationed in the Marienbach (M 53/Y 20) - Oebisfelde (M 53/Y 23) - Osterwieck (M 52/D 07) area. VP-Oberrat Hartmann, (fnu), in the castle of Marienborn, was chief of Grenzpolizei in this area. His deputy was VP Kommissar Stein, (fnu). \*
2. German and/or Soviet border detachments identified in the Herrenburg (M 54/S 98) border area on 1 August 1950 included: 100 to 120 police in Herrenburg; about 50 police and 10 Soviet soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets in Palingen; about 50 police with tracking dogs in Freese; about 30 police and about 20 Soviet soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets in Plauen; a Soviet border sector headquarters with about 30 soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets in Luetersdorf; 30 police in Selmsdorf; 25 police in Suelsdorf; 30 police and 10 Soviet soldiers in Zarnewitz; and 50 police and 35 Soviet soldiers in Dassow. \*\*
3. German and/or Soviet border guard detachments identified in the Schoenberg (M 54/T 18) border area in mid-August 1950, included 16 police in Lankow; 6 Soviet soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets in Wietingsbeck; 16 police in Schlagbruegge; 40 police and 20 Soviet soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets in Schlagsdorf; 16 police in Neuhoef; 40 police in Camptow; a Soviet officer and 16 soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets in Utecht; and 45 police in Schattin. \*\*

\* Comment. The Osterwieck Grenzpolizei Bereitschaft is known to control Grenz Kommandanturen in Marienborn and Osterwieck. VP-Oberrat Hartmann is believed to be chief of the Grenz Kommandantur in Marienborn. The Grenzpolizei Kommandantur in Oebisfelde is probably subordinate to the Grenzpolizei Bereitschaft in Gardelegen.

\*\* Comment. Grenz Kommandanturen or Grenz Kommandos, controlled by the Grenzpolizei Bereitschaft in Schoenberg, are known to be located in all of the localities mentioned.

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